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SUMMARY: SECRETARY TO BEGIN SHUTTLE IN JULY. THIS AND
VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT VIEWED AS INDICATIONS USG IN-
TENSIFYING PEACE EFFORTS. LONDON CONCLAVE STILL POS-
SIBILITY. PAPERS (INACCURATELY) QUOTE AMBASSADOR ON
ISRAELI REPLIES. ISRAELI DISCOMFORT WITH U.S. REACTION
STRESSED. TIME NOT ON ISRAEL'S SIDE. END SUMMARY.

1. SHUTTLE. PRESS JUNE 24 BANNER HEADLINES SECRETARY
EXPECTED BEGIN "SHUTTLE" EARLY NEXT MONTH IN EFFORT
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RESOLVE IMPASSE ARISING FROM ISRAELI ANSWERS TO AMERICAN
QUESTIONS ON WEST BANK AND GAZA. PAPERS COUPLE SUGGESTED
"SHUTTLE" TO ANNOUNCEMENT VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TO
VISIT ALEXANDRIA JULY 3 (SEPTTEL). QUOTING "INFORMED
SOURCES" IN WASHINGTON, AHAM CLAIMS SHUTTLE MAY BE
PRECEDED BY LONDON CONCLAVE OF EGYPTIAN, ISRAELI AND U.S.
FOREIGN MINISTERS. ADDITIONALLY, AHAM SUGGESTS U.S.

MAY SEEK CLARIFICATION OF SADAT'S PROPOSAL FOR EGYPT AND JORDAN TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR WEST BANK AND GAZA AS ONE MEANS OF REOPENING NEGOTIATIONS. GUMHURIYYA, HOWEVER, BELIEVES VANCE TRIP (WHICH TAKEN AS GIVEN) PRESAGES INTRODUCTION OF U.S. PROPOSALS FOR ME SETTLEMENT.

2. EILTS. PAPERS CONTAIN CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION (MUCH OF IT INACCURATE) ON AMBASSADOR'S JUNE 23 MEETING WITH FONMIN KAMEL AND SCHEDULED JUNE 24 SESSION WITH SADAT. GUMHURIYYA CLAIMS AMBASSADOR INFORMED KAMEL USG WAS "DISMAYED" BY ISRAELI REPLIES, WHICH CONSIDERED "NOT POSITIVE" AND NOT RESPONSIVE TO QUESTIONS ASKED. AMBASSADOR REPORTEDLY AFFIRMED USG WILL INTENSIFY CONTACTS TO "OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES CREATED BY ISRAEL'S REPLIES."

3. MAREI. AHRAH QUOTED PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY SPEAKER MAREI (CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON) AS REPORTING PRESIDENT CARTER ASSURED HIM HE WILL KEEP PROMISE GIVEN SADAT AT CAMP DAVID TO MAINTAIN "FIRM STANCE" TO ACHIEVE MID-EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT. MAREI, REPORTEDLY, MUCH ENCOURAGED BY CONTACTS WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS (PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO HAVE MET WITH PALESTINIANS) AND SAID THERE CLEAR SHIFT IN U.S. ATTITUDE.

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4. AND ISRAEL. PAPERS STRESS ISRAELI DISCOMFORT. DRAWING ON NEWS AGENCY ACCOUNTS, AHRAH AND GUMHURIYYA POSIT ISRAELI LEADERS ANTICIPATING RENEWED U.S. PRESSURE IN JULY. AKHBAR FEATURED MAARIV ACCOUNT SUGGESTING FONMIN DAYAN HAS URGED ISRAEL ADOPT "VERY FIRM STANCE" TOWARDS U.S. DAYAN, REPORTEDLY, SAID ANY CONCESSIONS WOULD ONLY LEAD TO REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONS, WITH NO PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS. EDITORIALY, GUMHURIYYA CLAIMED THERE GROWING RESISTANCE TO BEGIN'S HARD LINE WITHIN ISRAEL. THIS MIRRORED, PAPER SAID, IN JEWISH COMMUNITIES ABROAD. AKHBAR, PICKING UP SAME NOTE, UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE OF SENATOR JAVITS CRITICISM OF ISRAEL IN RECENT SENATE DEBATE, CONCLUDING CONSENSUS GROWING THAT BEGIN'S ELUSIVENESS WILL OPEN PATH TO "IMPOSED SOLUTION." EILTS

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